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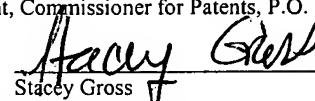
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Docket No. MCA 640 US

Applicant: Clark et al.
Serial No: 10/602,426
Filed: June 24, 2003
For: Multifunctional Vacuum Manifold
Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy
Art Unit: 1743

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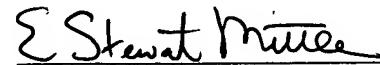
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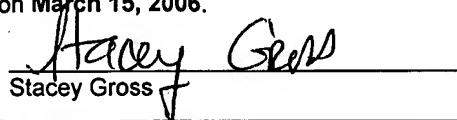
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In response to the office communication dated December 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.